1	2	3
8.	Jalgaon	1
9.	Nashik	1
10.	Nanded	1
11.	Dhule	2
12.	Nagpur	2
13.	Akola	3
14.	Gadchiroli	1
15.	Wardha	2
16.	Buldana	1
17.	Washim	1
18.	Ratnagiri	2
19.	Sangli	1
	TOTAL	50

Revenue drop of BSNL

2540. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp declining of revenue of BSNL is about to 6,500 crores in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL's revenue drop due to its inability to take timely and market friendly decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have initiated any action to control such huge revenue drop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. During the first quarter of the current financial year, revenue of BSNL in basic services is less by Rs. 231 Crores as compared to the corresponding period of the last financial year.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) * BSNL is having a comprehensive marketing strategy comprising of Annual visibility plan to get maximum visibility throughout the year on all mass media.

* Franchisee policy has been laid down under which more than 1200 franchisees along with their more than 15000 sub-franchisees will market the services of BSNL throughout the country.

* Commercial procedures for all the services of BSNL have been simplified so that customers will have hassle free transaction across the counter.

* Special promotional schemes are launched by BSNL during various cultural and religious festivals.

TRAI's approvals for concessions

2541.SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that certain mobile phone companies such as Reliance India Mobile entice the people of free downloads and charge for such downloads later;

(b) whether Government would direct the companies to honour their commitments in the interests of consumers; and

(c) whether Government would make it mandatory to get the approval of TRAI before announcing/withdrawing any concession by mobile companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, earlier a number of instances have come to the notice of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), where customers were offered certain value added services free of charge by some cellular mobile phone operators/companies. Later on these free value added services were made chargeable and the customers were informed that if they do not want the service they should "unsubscribe" by sending SMS. To protect